

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An intraductal foreign body removal instrument which removes fibrous foreign bodies ~~out~~ present in a duct having a liquid filled therein, characterized by comprising:

a flexible insertion tube inserted in the duct; a wire made of flexible wire material and inserted in the insertion tube so as not to project from the end thereof; and a rotating device which rotates the wire ~~in~~ and thereby vibrates the tip of the insertion tube.

2. - 3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) The intraductal foreign body removal instrument according to claim 1, characterized in that the wire has a curved portion on the tip side thereof.

5. (Previously Presented) The intraductal foreign body removal instrument according to claim 1, characterized in that the intraductal foreign body removal instrument is a catheter inserted into an intravital duct.

6. (Previously Presented) The intraductal foreign body removal instrument according to claim 1, characterized by further comprising a flexible guide tube which is inserted in the duct and into which the insertion tube is inserted loosely.

7. (Previously Presented) The intraductal foreign body removal instrument according to claim 4, characterized in that the intraductal foreign body removal instrument is a catheter inserted into an intravital duct.

8. (Previously Presented) The intraductal foreign body removal instrument according to claim 4, characterized by further comprising a flexible guide tube which is inserted in the duct and into which the insertion tube is inserted loosely.

9. (Previously Presented) The intraductal foreign body removal instrument according to claim 5, characterized by further comprising a flexible guide tube which is inserted in the duct and into which the insertion tube is inserted loosely.

10. (New) The intraductal foreign body removal instrument according to claim 1, wherein the flexible wire material has a diameter of 0.2 mm.